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SUBJECT: PERSONAL PROTECTIVE DETAILS--CAIRO

1. AMBASSADOR EILTS, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. EILTS, DEPARTS
CAIRO AUGUST 27. THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE ON TDY IN
WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE ON
THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS THE THREAT ASSESSMENT ORIGINALLY
DRAWN IN DECEMBER 1976 CONTINUING TO BE VALID AND, GIVEN
THE PROMINENCE OF THE SUMMIT NEGOTIATIONS, CONSIDERS THAT
THE THREAT OF POSSIBLE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES STRONG
ARGUMENT FOR PROTECTION OF CHARGE D'AFFAIRES DURING THE
AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE. GIVEN THE STRONG OPPOSITION TO
SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVES AND HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE CAMP
DAVID SUMMIT BY THE PALESTINIAN REJECTIONISTS AND OTHER
HARD-LINE DISSIDENTS, THE POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE RULED OUT
THAT SUCH ELEMENTS MIGHT TRY TO CAST A PALL ON THE SUMMIT
NEGOTIATIONS AND TO EMBARRASS THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT BY
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MOUNTING SOME TERRORIST ATTEMPT AGAINST EITHER EGYPTIAN
OR AMERICAN OFFICIALS.

3. AGAINST ABOVE BACKGROUND THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT
BOTH SPECIAL AGENTS SPARKS AND FRANKS ESCORT THE CHIEF
OF MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES. UPON THEIR DEPARTURE
WITH THE CHIEF OF MISSION, ARSO BRAY WILL TAKE OVER

PROTECTION OF THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES. SPECIAL AGENT SPARKS, HOWEVER, SHOULD BEGIN RETURN TRAVEL TO CAIRO 24 HOURS AFTER ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE PROTECTIVE DETAIL FOR THE CHARGE, THEREBY RETURNING ARSO BRAY TO A BACKUP ROLE ON THAT DETAIL.

4. AS IN THE PAST IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A/SY WILL MAKE THE DECISION REGARDING THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF PROTECTION FOR THE CHIEF OF MISSION DURING THE CONSULTATIVE PERIOD IN THE U.S. WHEN THE CHIEF OF MISSION IS READY TO RETURN TO CAIRO THE EMBASSY WOULD SUGGEST THAT SPECIAL AGENT CROWE JOIN SPECIAL AGENT FRANKS ON THE RETURN TRIP. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST SY'S DECISIONS ON THESE PROPOSALS. EILTS

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